

REMARKS

In response to the above-stated Office action, the claims are amended as stated above and are presented for consideration by the Examiner.

Claims 1-10 were originally pending. Claims 3, 5 and 6 are hereby canceled. Claims 1, 4, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1, 4 and 7-10 are now pending.

Claims 6 and 8-10 were deemed allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections and to include all the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

The limitations of claim 6 (and intervening claims 3 and 5) have been incorporated into claim 1, and claims 3, 5 and 6 have been canceled. Claims 2, 4 and 7 depend from amended claim 1.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form and now includes the limitations of claims 1 and 7. Claims 9 and 10 depend from amended claim 8.

All pending claims 1, 4 and 7-10 are now believed to be in allowable form, and therefore, their allowance is respectfully requested.

This amendment has not increased the total or independent claim count beyond the statutorily prescribed numbers. Thus, no fees are believed due for consideration of this timely filed response. However, any fees deemed necessary should be charged to Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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